

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, June marks the graduation of high school seniors across the Northern Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, more than 550 students will graduate from T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Project Graduation was formed in 1987 to assist regional All-Night Alcohol/Drug-Free Celebrations in order to prevent tragedy and instill our young people with the idea that one can celebrate without the indulgence of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, a group of dedicated parents, volunteers and the PTSA, since 1989, have provided a safe, substance-free celebration for T.C. Williams graduates and, as a result, there have been no alcohol or drug-related accidents or deaths on graduation night; and

WHEREAS, this year's T.C. Williams All-Night Drug and Alcohol-Free Graduation Celebration will be at the Chinguapin Recreation Center on June 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this community effort is supported by business, professional, religious, and community organizations from all parts of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, we wish to thank all persons and organizations involved in this year's All-Night Graduation Celebration for their hard work and commitment to the safety and security of our young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2003, as:

"SAFE GRADUATION MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and we encourage all students to participate in this event as a safe and responsible way to celebrate a significant milestone in their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council congratulates graduating high school seniors from T.C. Williams High School, Bishop Ireton High School, St. Stephens and St. Agnes High School, and Episcopal High School for their academic achievements, and we wish each of them good luck in their future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of June 2003.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk